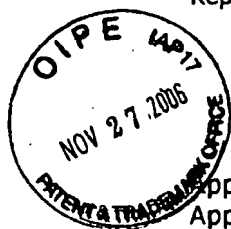


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Responsive to the Final Office Action dated **August 24, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ Amendments to the Specification begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ Amendments to the Drawings begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ Amendments to the Abstract are on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.